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Subject: Closing Report - Education

To: Headquarters, Allied Commission,
Education Sub Commission.

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Again, in the last five years, very little has been done in the way of "running repairs" and these mounting up, e.g. the repair of Water Cisterns and the repair worn staircases and the decorating of rooms that have been occupied by Italian and other troops.

In any long term programme these will have to be considered very carefully, all the Allies has been able to do is to pass schemes for the repair of war damage, there has been no survey of "running" repairs but from the few visits to the schools that I have made this secondary point was very obvious.

I am satisfied however, that with the exception of Spezia City and one or two villages in Spezia and Imperia Provinces there should be adequate

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accommodation for all the children provided they adopt the "double shift system" and this they must do in spite of all its disadvantages and difficulties, if they wish to give schooling to all the children in Liguria Region. With regard to GENOVA CITY, they may have to have 3 turns even, as there are no buildings available for them. In the villages that have been destroyed they can very often find fractions near where they can send the children. This is true of GENOVA Province but it is not so easy in the some north of MANTOVA for village after village in that area is very badly damaged and there are no undamaged "fractions" to which they can send the children. However, the house situation is so bad in this area that they don't expect to have their full complement of children this year. Sometimes have been prepared for most of the villages schools that have been thus damaged and as soon as materials are available work will be started.

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6. TEACHERS.

While there are problems about the transfer of those from one locality to another, the question of the number of teachers is not a major problem in this area.

One of the major problems for the Italian Authorities is the question of the inadequacy of pay for the teaching profession. At present it is practically impossible for a teacher to live away from home by reason of the low salary.

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7. IMPIS.

Once inscription has started, some idea of the numbers of these will be available as there have been quite big movements of the population and at present Provveditore Agli Studi (of Genoa for instance) have only a vague idea of the number who will be available to go to school in their areas.

I have had meetings with all the Provveditors and with a large number of the Directors and with some of the teachers and have impressed upon them the great importance of ensuring that the children are inscribed and that they do in fact attend the schools since they are inscribed. They all assure me, that in normal times communism is not one of their problems except in the thinly populated ^{mountain} areas of all four Provinces.

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The National movement is beginning slowly but this whole organization has not the backing of the other one, nor the funds, nor the organization which the Catholic Church can put at the disposal of its Priests.

In spite of all these handicaps, this other organization has started and when things begin to settle down and communication return to normal it should begin to get underway properly.

12. CONCLUSION.

As before I have concentrated on the Elementary Schools as I have found that the others have managed to "weather" the storm far better and I think I can safely say that, with one or two exceptions, every Higher School will function this ensuing year (either in its normal habitate or in alternative premises).

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Their Teachers have been already organized and if they were able to get supplies it could be said that Higher Education has almost returned to normal.

The Elementary Schools are struggling bravely along and great efforts are being made by all concerned to see that there is some kind of a school available for every child this year.

Given an absence of civil strife and the return of production of these things that the children need for the schools there is adequate evidence that Liberia will return very soon to normal.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LIGURIA REGION
EDUCATION DIVISION
APO 394

31 August 1945

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Subject : EDUCATION MONTHLY REPORT for AUGUST 1945

To : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
(Attention Director of Education,
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As to (iv) and (v) these have been energetically pursued during the month.

There are no Statistical Data this month as all the Schools are closed. An availability return will be included in my closing Report.

For the Regional Commissioner :

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Education Division
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3 August 1945

SUBJECT : EDUCATION MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY 1945.
A.M.G. Liguria Region

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION APO 394
(Att : Director of Education, Education Subcommittee)

I. INTRODUCTION

The Regional Education Officer, 1st Lt. JOHN P. SIMONI, has been called to Trieste as Chief Education Officer for the A.M.G. sector of Venezia Giulia.

Captain H.F.E. WADSWORTH has been assigned as Regional Education Officer for Liguria.

During the month of July the outstanding events of the Education Division's activities were:

- a) The meeting of the Provveditori agli Studi of Liguria (Apuania and Imperia inclusive).
- b) The inauguration of the academic year 1945-1946 of the University of Genova.
- c) The visits of the R.E.O. to schools functioning in La Spezia and Apuania.

II. MEETING OF PROVVEDITORI ASLI STUDI

The Provveditori agli Studi of Liguria Region and of Apuania and Lucca Provinces, met at the Regional Education Office in Genova on July 20, to discuss the final phases of their work in order to establish a uniform policy of procedure. The results of the conference were excellent.

Some of the outstanding work and decisions taken are the following:

a) Directives for the transfer of elementary School teachers and for the employment of "Supplenti" teachers for the coming school year were prepared.

b) Text book requirements for the school year 1945-1946 will be submitted in detail. (Liguria lacks any large printing establishment where books may be printed on a wide scale).

c) The overall annulment of all transfers made by Fascist Republican Government as enacted by the R.E.O. of Lombardia Region was not accepted as practical or advisable at this time; such provision would involve hundreds of cases creating many hardships and difficulties for teachers and Provveditori alike. Teachers required to return to Liguria to pre-transfer position from Lombardia will be helped to find a "sede";

otherwise, they will be returned to Lombardia for reassignment.

III. SCHOOLS AT WORK.

During the month of July the R.E.O. visited elementary and secondary schools in Provinces of Apuania and La Spezia. The following observations were recorded:

a) Asilo Infantile of Pegazzano: The R.E.O. visited two classes of the Asilo of Pegazzano. The children arrived at 9.00 a.m. or soon after, each with a small sack lunch wrapped up in newspaper which they placed on a table near the door. The lunch consisted mostly of a piece of bread with either meat or cheese in it.

The children sat in their little desks which were well organized in a semi-circle so that they could all see about them. Freedom of movement in the classroom was limited. No working materials were available except some long one inch wide colored strips of paper which the children folded over and over again into interesting paper folded projects. They learned how to use writing tools and develop coordinated hand movement by drawing straight and curved lines in their "quaderni". Lacking were light construction materials, teaching aids, and art media. The teachers seemed interested and capable, but from the available equipment and materials in the classroom there existed a seeming lack of

initiative and creativity on the part of all concerned. The children concentrated on the work that they were doing. Malnutrition was evident. Teachers dictated step by step all procedures eliminating child initiative and expression. Aside from the Asilo the elementary school building of Pegazzano houses the elementary school and several refugee families. The building was rather dirty and partly destroyed. The halls were stacked with old desks and household equipment.

Upon departure a good number of the children arose and gave the Roman (Fascist) salute,.....but with fists closed this time!

b) Scuola Magistrale of Massa: At Massa, Apuania Province, the R.S.O. visited the "Scuola Magistrale". In the 2nd Class, which was in session, there were 5 boys and 17 girls present. When asked, only one of the boys wanted to be a teacher; the others were attending because the "Scuola Magistrale" offered an easier diploma than either the Liceo Classico or Liceo Scientifico. They were planning on some office job as a future career. Of the girls eleven were planning on a teaching career. They felt qualified and prepared to teach with the training received.

c) Scuola Industriale of Massa: This school was well attended. Most of the work shops were destroyed or emptied

of machines. The building was under repairs. Many of the machine tools were still rusty after the school had been open for several months. The R.E.O. requested that they be put immediately in working order, kept greased, and that students be encouraged to do this work as part of their classroom duties during or after school.

d) Liceo Classico di La Spezia: The typical classical school preparing students for the University - a literary or medical career. It was frequented by a group of 30-35 students, all well dressed and self-sufficient. Very few felt that Latin-Greek should be made elective subjects, although, few actually enjoyed them.

Classes for patriots were in progress in the same building. On the door of one class room the following was printed: " Scuola Patrioti - Corso Geometri - W la Libertà ". The attendance was good.

IV. UNIVERSITY OF GENOVA:

The inauguration of the University of Genova was held on 25 July 1945, in the "patio" of the Administration

Building in via Balbi 5.

Present were Brigadier M. CARR, Regional Commissioner for Liguria, the Eminent Cardinal of Genova, and other Military and Civil Authorities. The Pro-Rector and Brigadier CARR spoke of the place of Education in the new national life and economic structure of Italy.

V. EPURATION:

Separate section of the Provincial Epuration Committees established by GO-35 have been named and " Schede Personali " of suspended teachers have been sent to them for decision.

At Lucca the Italian Epuration Commission provided by DDL 159 not yet has been named by the Ministry of Public Instruction. There are teachers that are suspended since last October 1944.

For the sake of fairness and thoroughness Provveditori agli Studi will ask all teachers in their province to fill out a "Scheda Personale".

Epuration proceedings for the University have been completed and as soon as the "verbali" are prepared the practice will be sent to the Education Subcommission.

VI. SCHOOL LUNCHES:

To the American Red Cross goes the credit for the establishment of school lunches for the Schools of La Spezia during this summer session. The project is now underway in La Spezia city and "Traxioni".

School lunches have also been approved for Genova and Imperia where many elementary schools and Asili are open. The program will get underway in August.

VII. REQUISITIONING AND REPAIRS:

An intensive drive to derequisition schools is on in Genova city. Schools must be made available for the coming school year.

The Public Works Division has shown great interest in the repair of schools. Provveditori agli Studi are submitting all possible requests for repairs. Projects are initially studied by the Education Division and sent immediately to the P.W.D. for final approval and action.

VIII. STATISTICAL REPORT:

The Statistical Report for the month of July will be submitted as a separate report by Capt. WAGSTAFF, R.E.O.

TH. G.I.L.:

Throughout Liguria Region, "Intendenti di Finanze" are turning over to the Provveditorati G.I.L. buildings and property according to our directives.

A great number of schools and G.I.L. buildings are occupied by partisans and by political parties. These are reticent to move. Provveditori agli Studi are not too keen on tackling the job of expulsion. The R.E.O. has requested that some of these be freed.

X. CONCLUSION:

The basic work of the Education Division has been completed for Liguria.

Important unfinished projects which will require the attention of the Education Officer are:

- a) Text books for 1945-46.
- b) Repair of school buildings.
- c) Derequisitioning of important school premises.
- d) School lunches.
- e) Transfer of teachers.

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HEADQUARTERS LIGURIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Education Division
APO 394

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Liguria Region, A.M.G.

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- 2) LA SPEZIA - Here the R. Provveditore agli Studi can function on a two shift basis.
- 3) SAVONA - If the G.C.R.R. move out of a school he can function.

4) IMPERIA:

- a) City - Have with the aid of the Senole Media he can function.
- b) Province - In the ex-French zone there has been very little done about education and in Ventimiglia and in some of the other Communes not only have the schools been destroyed but there is a complete lack of houses and there is no possibility of alternate accommodation.

NOTE - I propose to visit this last area this next week to see if there is anything we can do with the various Sindaci.

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With Brigadier CARL and Lt. SIMONI I was present at the opening of the Geneva R. University and I understood that it is functioning.

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HEADQUARTERS LIGURIA REGION
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30 June 1945

SUBJECT: EDUCATION MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE 1945,
Liguria Region, A.M.G.

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION APO 394
(Att: Director of Education, Education Subcommittee)

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The University of Genova has been greatly damaged. The main building in Via Balbi 5, is half destroyed; however, a visitor will be impressed to see that university life has not ceased. Offices are functioning in rooms filled with debris or storeroom materials which, for lack of transportation, have not been possible to move.

Many sections of the building including the AULA MAGNA, are under repair. Damage to murals has been beyond reconstruction. Life in the building is interesting and descriptive of the adaptability of the staff and students.

Dott. VENTURINI DOMENICO, Administrative Director of the University is deserving of high praise for his admirable sense of duty which he has demonstrated during the past two or three years. He has kept the University functioning without interruption while around him bombs were destroying his school and political changes were causing the substitution of his Rectors.

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The Provveditore agli Studi has set up the following objectives for this year's summer school program:

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- b) To apply, experimentally, the new school programs.
- c) To cancel all traces of Fascism in Italian youth through a democratically planned summer program.

On 20 June there were 5495 elementary school children enrolled. 534 classrooms were in use with 272 sessions functioning.

V. GENERAL: Epuration and Text Books.

Education Directives and Decrees regarding policy on epuration, confiscation and purging of text books, G.I.L. property and activities, return "in sede" of refugee teachers, reinstatement of Jewish personnel, transfer of secondary school professors, examinations, etc., have been issued to all Provveditori agli Studi in Region. They report that the initial work is nearing completion as regards:

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The sectarian group has appointed its Regional Commissioner and Provincial Commissioners for both the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides.

The non-sectarian Boy Scouts Association is beginning to take shape in Genova. (In the provinces where the Catholic Scouts are organized Provveditori feel that the small atmosphere of their communities will not tolerate a non-sectarian organization).

A Regional Commissioner for the non-sectarian group has been appointed. He has contacted many of the old Boy Scouts, and is planning a training school for Scout Masters.

Many young men and women have offered their services to the Scouts' movement.

The Regional Education Officer has distributed all available literature on the subject through the Provveditori agli Studi who are cooperating in the promotion of Boy Scouts in the Region.

VII. FRONTE DELLA GIOVENTU'.

Provveditori agli Studi have described the "Fronte della Gioventu'" as follows:

"The 'Fronte della Gioventu'' is an organization of the masses born during the conspiracy period with the objective of bringing together in one group all youth of no matter what political tendencies with the purpose of fighting against the Nazi-Fascists."

"The 'Fronte della Gioventu'' is continuing its work with the purpose of orienting the masses of students and workers toward the ideals of a true democracy."

"Its present activities are cultural, welfare, and recreational." Prof. MALCO (Socialist) - LaSpezia.

"The leaders of the 'Fronte della Gioventu'' of Imperia are all members of the Communist Party. Other political parties are represented only figuratively." Maestro GHERARDI (Independent)-Imperia. (This statement has been certified as true). 1235

The report from Savona describes the organization as a youth movement represented by all political parties interested mainly in youth activities of a non-political character.

The 'Fronte della Gioventu'' of Savona is opening summer courses for the preparation of partisan students, ex-internees, political victims, etc. for the fall examinations. These courses will be taught gratis by the professors. (The "P. d. G.", however, is asking that those teachers who will give of their

time for this purpose should be considered more favorably toward the assignment of a "supplenza" for the school year 1945-46).

VIII. ITEMS OF INTEREST.

During the month of June the Provveditore agli Studi of Genova called two meetings - one of the secondary school teachers, and the other of the elementary school personnel of greater Genova.

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The "Sindacato Regionale Insegnanti Scuole Medie" has been organized in Genova with the purpose of safe-guarding the economic and moral interests of the secondary school teacher.

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X. STATISTICAL REPORT.

The attached Statistical Report is divided into three sections:

a) Table No.1: These data show the total school picture for the four provinces of Genova, Imperia, La Spezia, and Savona. (Reports for Apuania and Inucca could not be submitted this month by the Provveditori). Please note that the total number of schools open and the actual enrollment for all schools except Asili were omitted in the Savona report - these figures are therefore incomplete.

b) Table No.2: These data show the total school situation at Imperia and LaSpezia Province where schools are open for a summer session.

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XI. CONCLUSION;

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30 May 1945

SUBJECT : Monthly Report.

TO : Allied Commission, APO 394
(Att.: CARLETON W. WASHBURNE, Lt. Col. AUS, Director
of Education, Education Subcommittee.)

1. Here is the Education Monthly Report for Liguria Region May 1945.
2. Communications in Liguria have not permitted Provveditori agli Studi to complete and submit on a moment's notice the statistical data requested of them.

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of Fascist High Army, Red Cross, & Tacht
from exams
Back circular from Ministry
See 2nd program for operation*

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5. The schools of La Spezia Province will reopen for a summer session beginning June 1, closing August 15, 1945.
6. In Genova Province the "scutini" examinations have started. The examinations of "abilitazioni" and "maturità" will be given after completion of initial epuration proceedings.

7. At Savona Province the schools will close with examinations, by June 15, having functioned regularly throughout the year.
8. At Imperia Province tentative plans have been drawn up to reopen schools for a full summer session.
9. Provveditori agli Studi were asked to promote Boy Scouts and Girl Guides activities in each Province.
10. The Regional Education Officer has held conferences with all school administrative personnel in all Provinces to discuss plans for summer activities, text-books requirements, final examinations, need for summer sessions. Boy Scouts and Girl Guides organization, etc.
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6. At Savona the new Provveditore agli Studi (reggente) Prof. GUIDO AUGUSTO, also designated by the C.L.N., was confirmed by the Regional Education Officer for his excellent all-round qualifications.
7. The C.L.N. did not officially appoint a Rector for the University of Genova, however, in order to meet the immediate needs it placed senior member of the Faculty, Prof. ANTONIO TALAMONE, as acting Rector.
8. The "U.L.N. per la scuola" during its period of conspiracy designated school personnel to fill positions of "Ispettori scolastici" and "Presidi" suspended who do not possess even the minimum requirements for such positions. Proper appointments will be a difficult and touchy problem! (The C.L.N. is now insisting on the appointment of Prof. ALFONSO ENRICO, not "di ruolo", Professor in a private school, who lacks the required force, experience, and knowledge of the job. As Vice-Provveditore, designated by the C.L.N., he has demonstrated to be highly susceptible to political pressure, and all around not suitable for the position of Provveditore agli Studi for a "grande sede".)

IV. EDUCATION DIVISION VERSUS C.L.N.

1. The Regional Education Officer has made it specifically clear that henceforth the "C.L.N. per la Scuola" will have purely advisory functions and that the Education Division will follow its directives as applicable to the local situation for the full achievement of its objectives.
2. The Regional Education Officer has advised the "C.L.N. per la Scuola" (Elementary and Secondary Schools) that it may continue to function as a "Commissione Consultiva" to the Provveditore agli Studi, objectively, on personnel to be suspended for expiation.
3. In Genova where the Committee has been most active, the results have been good. The Committee has potential possibilities of rendering real service to the schools as long as it remains outside the sphere of party politics.

V. BACKGROUND

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IV. EDUCATION DIVISION versus C.L.N.

1. The Regional Education Officer has made it specifically clear that henceforth the "C.L.N. per la Scuola" will have purely advisory functions and that the Education Division will follow its directives as applicable to the local situation for the full achievement of its objectives.
2. The Regional Education Officer has advised the "C.L.N. per la Scuola" (Elementary and Secondary Schools) that it may continue to function as a "Commissione Consultiva" to the Provveditore agli Studi, objectively, on personnel to be suspended for epuration.
3. In Genova where the Committee has been most active, the results have been good. The Committee has potential possibilities of rendering real service to the schools as long as it remains outside the sphere of party politics.

V. BACKGROUND

The following is briefly the school background of the four Provinces of Liguria Region: Genova, Imperia, La Spezia, and Savona (1):

GENOVA

1. The public schools of Genova started the school year
- (1) Statistical reports for all provinces will be available for the June report.

in November 1944, and closed officially by order of the C.I.N. on 23 April 1945. They functioned throughout the year on a reduced schedule.

2. Of the 122 schools listed for Greater Genova 52 have suffered varying degrees of damage necessitating repairs in order to function normally. Of these 11 buildings are either completely destroyed or badly damaged.

3. Approximately 70% of school buildings in the City of Genova are either damaged or occupied by the Commune of Allied Units. Approximately 65% of secondary school buildings cannot be utilized without major repairs.

4. The "scrutini" are in progress and norms for the final examinations have been published by the Provveditore.

IMPERIA

1. The public schools of Imperia opened on 15 September, 44 and officially closed on 12 May 1945, with examinations running from June 1 to 15.

2. In the districts of Imperia Levante, Imperia Ponente, Circolo di S. Remo, and Circolo Pieve di Teco the elementary schools have functioned part time on a reduced schedule.

3. In the districts of Ventimiglia, Taggia, Bordighera and Riva S. Stefano, with the exception of a few isolated schools, the elementary schools have been closed.

4. The secondary schools have functioned regularly, but also at reduced schedule in their sede at Imperia Levante and Ventimiglia.

5. Scholarship has been generally poor because of insufficient food and heating, total lack of text-books, and continuous war activity.

6. The Provveditorato agli Studi functioned poorly? Available data report damage and destruction to the schools of Imperia Levante and Ponente, S. Remo, Ventimiglia, Riva S. Stefano, Molini di Prea, and Valle Argentina in the district of Bordighera.

7. In Imperia Province requisitioning of schools is almost nil. Several classrooms are occupied at Imperia Levante and Ponente by the firemen and the Commune; all other buildings are free.

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LA SPEZIA

1. Elementary and Secondary schools have functioned partially and at reduced schedule from December 1944 throughout April 20, 45, when they were closed by order of the C.L.N. as in other provinces.

2. Requisitioned schools are few. Data so far available show that only two main school buildings are occupied in the Province.

3. In La Spezia City destruction of school buildings is extensive. Almost all schools will have to function in temporary premises.

4. The "Archivio" of the Provveditorato agli Studi was destroyed two times by air bombardment. The Provveditorato has moved from Monterosso Mare to La Spezia.

SAVONA

1. The elementary schools of Savona opened on September 16, the secondary schools on October 19, 1944; by order of the C.L.N. they were closed on 1 May 1945.

2. "Scrutini" examinations began on May 16, 1945.

3. In Savona City the major schools were requisitioned by the Germans. The "Scuola Tecnica Commerciale pareggiata" and the "Scuola serale di Commercio" have been destroyed. Schools functioned in temporary premises during most of the year.

4. The elementary schools of the City lost the use of approximately 150 to 200 class rooms, because of destruction and requisitioning.

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VI. UNIVERSITY OF GENOVA

1. The University of Genova is closed. It will reopen for examinations in the early part of June.

2. The war has caused some damage to the University. The following units have been almost completely destroyed by air bombardment:

- a) the "Palazzina" of the "Istituto Botanico": only four rooms on the first floor are usable;
- b) the little house of the "Dopolavoro Universitario";
- c) the "Clinica Chirurgica", the "Clinica Ostetrico-Ginecologica", and the "Istituto di Patologia Speciale Chirurgica";
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- a) the "Clinica delle malattie nervose e mentali";
- b) the "Istituto di Medicina Legale" (partly repaired);
- c) the University building in via Balbi 5; where the library of the School of Law was totally destroyed;
- d) the "Villa Cambiaso" - location of the School of Engineering;

e) the Student Union Building has been damaged and repaired, however, all of its furniture has been removed - it lacks doors and windows.

VII. CONCLUSION

1. Schools in Liguria have functioned in a hit and miss manner during the school year 1944-45.

2. Teachers' morale is low, because of low salaries, and past due salaries that have not been paid.

3. The C.I.N. has taken a strong hold of the schools, and, since its administrative powers have ceased it controls indirectly the actions of the administration. This is particularly true in Genova, since it has gone as far as to determine to what political party the Provveditore agli Studi should belong.

4. Outstanding leaders in the partisan groups have been school teachers, and particularly University of Genova professors; because of this interest in political affairs it has been difficult to find outstanding leaders for school administrative positions.

5. General Order No. 35 must be implemented and adopted by all provinces in Liguria in order to be of any value in the epuration of school personnel.

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